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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket 86-127, enclosed are copies of the Rate of Return Report (Form 492A) for the final reporting period 07/01/2009 – 12/31/2009 and the initial reporting period 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010 for the operating units of CenturyLink Operating Companies FCC #8 (COSA Code: CNTU).

Acknowledgement of receipt of this filing is requested. A duplicate letter is provided for this purpose.

If there are any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (318) 388-9081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry M. Allen".

Jerry M. Allen
Vice President – Revenues

Enclosures: 2 copies of FCC Report 492

cc: Stephen Steckler

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Company
CenturyLink Operating Companies FCC #8 (CNTU)
100 CenturyLink Drive
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2. Reporting Calendar Year

(A) From: 07/01/2009 To: 12/31/2009

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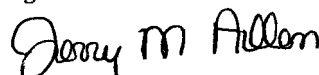
PRICE-CAP REGULATION
RATE-OF-RETURN MONITORING REPORT
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Dollar Amounts Shown in Thousands

| 3. Items | Total Interstate Services Subject to Price-Cap Regulation | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | First Report Column A | Final Report Column B | Difference Column C = (B - A) |
| 1. Total Revenues | 53,956 | 54,015 | 59 |
| 2. Total Expenses and Taxes | 44,757 | 44,757 | 0 |
| 3. Operating Income (Net Return)(Ln1-Ln2) | 9,199 | 9,258 | 59 |
| 4. Rate Base (Avg Net Investment) | 136,890 | 136,890 | 0 |
| 5. Rate of Return (Ln3/Ln4) | 13.44 | 13.53 | .09 |
| 6. Sharing/Low End Adjustment Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. FCC Ordered Refund - Amortized for Current Period | 0 | 0 | 0 |

REMARKS

Permissively de-tariffed for DSL during 07/01/09 - 10/31/09. Elected Title 1 for DSL on 11/01/09. Associated revenues, investments, and expenses have been removed.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the chief financial officer or the duly assigned accounting officer; that I have examined the foregoing report, that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in this report are true and this report is correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named respondent in respect to each and every matter set forth therein during the specified period.

| Date | Typed Name of Person Signing | Title of Person Signing | Signature |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| March 28, 2011 | Jerry M. Allen Telephone No. (318) 388-9081 | Vice President - Revenues |  |

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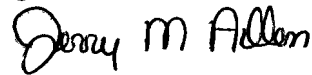
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| 3. Items | Total Interstate Services Subject to Price-Cap Regulation | | |
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| | First Report Column A | Final Report Column B | Difference Column C = (B - A) |
| 1. Total Revenues | 104,533 | | |
| 2. Total Expenses and Taxes | 83,064 | | |
| 3. Operating Income (Net Return)(Ln1-Ln2) | 21,469 | | |
| 4. Rate Base (Avg Net Investment) | 126,052 | | |
| 5. Rate of Return (Ln3/Ln4) | 17.03 | | |
| 6. Sharing/Low End Adjustment Amount | 0 | | |
| 7. FCC Ordered Refund - Amortized for Current Period | 0 | | |

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